

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the application in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants herein amend Claim 17, and such amendments are supported in the specification. Applicants herein cancel claims 24 and 25. Claims 1-23 and 26-37 remain in the present application.

Claims 17 has been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The term "highly" in Claim 17 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. Applicants have amended Claim 17 to remove the term "highly". It is now believed that the Claim 17 meets the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Claims 24 and 25 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Meguriya (US 6,261,214). Claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-37 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 20, 21, 26, and 30-32 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/667,996. Applicants previously submitted a terminal disclaimer signed by Mr. Paul Leipold. The Examiner did not accept this terminal disclaimer stating that Mr. Leipold was not authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee. It is Applicants belief that Mr. Leipold did have authority to sign the terminal disclaimer and a thorough review of the file wrapper will show that this application has been assigned to Eastman Kodak Company; however, a new terminal disclaimer signed by Mr. Larry Kessler is enclosed to facilitate the allowance of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), the enclosed terminal disclaimer is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection. Reconsideration is requested.

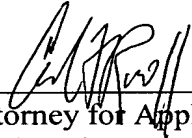
Claims 24, 25 and 31-33 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 21 of U.S. Patent 6,486,441. Claims 24 and 25 have been canceled. Applicants previously submitted a terminal disclaimer signed by Mr. Paul

Leipold. The Examiner did not accept this terminal disclaimer stating that Mr. Leipold was not authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee. It is Applicants belief that Mr. Leipold did have authority to sign the terminal disclaimer and a thorough review of the file wrapper will show that this application has been assigned to Eastman Kodak Company; however, a new terminal disclaimer signed by Mr. Larry Kessler is enclosed to facilitate the allowance of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), the enclosed terminal disclaimer is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection of claims 31-33. Reconsideration is requested.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit all of Claims 1-23 and 26-37 are in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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